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Sir:

In compliance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the following is material information of which applicants are aware, and which is relevant to the above-identified application:

- (1) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-A-3-30020
- (2) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-A-62-108629
- (3) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-A-1-194029
- (4) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-A-62-226335
- (5) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-A-61-204807

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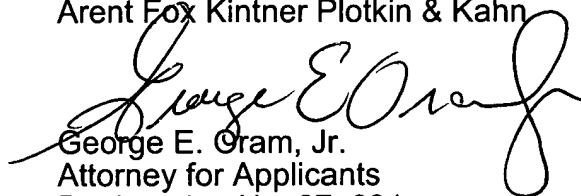
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